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Gladiolus Bulbs

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INTRODUCTION

It gives us pleasure to present this our 1921-22 catalogue to our many customers and friends. In this list we are offering a very complete assortment of Gladioli, comprising only those varieties that have proven for us worthy of growing either for pleasure or profit.

LOCATION

Our gardens are located at Sturgis, Michigan, where we have the very best of soil suitable for growing healthy, clean bulbs which always "Say it with flowers" for those who try them.

PRICES

The prices in this list are for full blooming size stock. Those wanting planting stock or bulb-lets please ask for trade list.

TERMS OF SALE

Cash with order unless credit has been established. Postage paid on all parcel post shipments. Large orders are shipped express collect. No charges for cases or packing.

While we exercise the utmost care to have all our stock up to standard and true to name we give no warranty express or implied as to crop, and will not be responsible for results other than to replace stock not true to name. All orders, regardless of size, are promptly filled and shipped when weather conditions will permit. A 25 per cent deposit will hold order for spring shipment when desired.

America. A soft light pink with large wax-like flowers set on strong spike.

Each, 5c; Dozen, 50c; 100, \$2.

Anna Eberius (Deiner). Dark velvety purple, throat deeper shade. Large flower, well set on spike.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Arizona (Kunderd). Dark rose pink with dark maroon markings on lower petals. Good grower with four to six open blooms at once. Good shipper and extra good florist's flower. Each, 10c; Dozen, 75c; 100, \$3.50

Arizona Rose (Kunderd). Fine shade light old rose. Almost self color. Extra fine flower.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Autumn Queen. Large flower with light background. Pink markings and blotch. Fine flower for late bloom.

Each, 5c; Dozen, 50c; 100, \$3

Azure (Stewart). Light blue. Carmine blotch and light cream on inside of petals. Each, 10c

Baron J. Hulot. Dark blue with light markings. Tall grower with long spike. One of the good blue gladioli.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$5

Bertrex (Austin). Soft creamy white. Good substance.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Best Violet (Kunderd). Very tall spike with six to ten open blooms at a time. Rich violet color with fine pencilings on lower petals. A popular variety.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$; 100, \$4

Black Eye (Kunderd). Tall and very fine. Nearly a black red. A blackeyed gladiolus.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Blood Spot (Kunderd). Very tall, rank grower. Large spike with two rows of open bloom. Color, dark mahogany splashed with blood red on lower petals.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Bright Red (Kunderd). A very brilliant bright red variety. Not so large but good, as the color is exceptionally fine. One of the earliest reds.

Each, 5c; Dozen, 50c; 100, \$3

Buzz (Burbank). Very large, scarlet red with light yellowish blotch. Open flowers. Very attractive. Scarce.

Each, 15c

Chicago White (Kunderd). White with pencilings of bright carmine red. A good commercial variety and early.

Each, 5c; Dozen, 50c; 100, \$3

- Crimson Glow** (Betscher). One of the most beautiful red gladioli on the market. A perfect deep rich scarlet with large open flower of finest form, well placed on spike.
Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50
- Crystal White**. An extra good white with wine colored markings on lower petals.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$5
- Darkest** (Kunderd). Small flower. Very dark in color, almost black.
Each, 25c
- Dawn** (Tracy). Rose pink. Tall, graceful spike of well formed flowers. Many open at once and keeps well.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Early Pink**. One of the earliest. A rich shell pink shading to lighter in center. One of the best early varieties and good for forcing. Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50
- Early Sunrise**. An extra large variety. Very long spike of large flower. Color, light variegated red.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Edgar**. Beautiful light yellow. Tall spike. Flowers slightly ruffled. Ranks among the best in its class.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- El Capitan** (Kunderd). Finest shade of sulphur yellow with penciling of bright carmine. Very long spike with many open flowers. Good florist's flower. Award of merit London in 1915.
Each, 15c
- Empress of India**. A rich dark red. A rare and beautiful color. Certificates of merit from Haarlem and London, 1912.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1
- Estella** (Kunderd). One of the largest of gladioli. A fine deep rose pink with light blotches. Admired by all.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Ethel** (Kunderd). Very tall, long spike of open bloom. Color bright variegated pink with yellowish throat. Very attractive.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4
- Europa**. A very fine white gladiolus of perfect form. Pure white with many open blooms closely and compactly formed.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Evelyn Kirtland** (Austin). Charming rose pink. Large blooms, well opened, set on a long spike. Much admired and a good grower. Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Farie** (Kunderd). Extra tall spike of creamy pink colored flowers with yellowish throat. Six to eight flowers open at once. A very choice variety. Very scarce.
Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

- Flora.** Almost pure Yellow. Large spike with many open blooms.
Each, 50c; Dozen, \$5
- General Pershing.** Fine pink scarlet with fine markings. A grand good one.
Each, 20c; Dozen, \$2
- Golden Measure (Kelway).** Fine golden yellow. Pure, with no markings. Strong of growth with very large spike of bloom. Best yellow to date of the large flowering varieties. Has received prizes wherever shown.
Each. 1½-in., \$3; 1¼-in., \$2.50; 1-in., \$2; ¾-in., \$1.50;
½-in., \$1; ⅜-in., 75c.
Bulblets, \$15 per 100
- Goliath.** Improvement of Empress of India. Extra large, purplish maroon. Long spike with large, well-opened flowers. Remarkably good.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Gretchen Zang (Austin).** A companion to Evelyn Kirtland. Large flowers set on a long stem. A lovely pink with slight marking
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1
- Halley.** A fine large early variety. Bright salmon color. Good seller
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1.00
- Herada (Austin).** A variety of true merit. Naue, shaded to purple. An extra good grower with large, attractive flowers.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Hyde Park.** Variegated Pink. Not large, but exceptionally attractive.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- Ida Van (Kunderd).** Very large open flower of flaming pink. Award of merit, London, 1912.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1.00
- I Excel (Kunderd).** Extra tall spike with large flowers. Bright light rose red with wonderfully colored throat. Many open blooms.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50
- K.'s Orange (Kunderd).** Very fancy and attractive. Bright orange with pure white blotch margined with brilliant purple. Award of merit at London, 1915.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1
- Kunderdii Glory (Kunderd).** Pinkish cream. Large, open, ruffled lower with fine markings. Very good.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1.00; 100, \$3.50
- Large Buff (Kunderd).** Fine shade of soft buff, with rose penciling. Tall spike. Eight to ten open flowers at a time. In good demand.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$3

Late White. A fine late white. Long spike, nicely arranged flowers, nice penciling.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4

Le Marechal Foch. Beautiful shade of light pink. Flowers much larger than America. One of the earliest to bloom. An especially good variety. New.

Each, 35c

Liebesfeuer. Unique in color. A bright scarlet. Certificates Haarlem and London.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4

Lily Lehman. Fine white with lily shaped flowers. An extra good variety. Early.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4

Lilywhite (Kunderd). Pure white. Very fine early variety. A good florist's flower.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$7

Little Daisy (Kunderd). Medium in height and size of bloom. An exquisite apple blossom pink. Very beautiful.

Each, 50c; Dozen, \$1.50

Louise. New. Very large well-opened flower measuring five to six inches in diameter. Color, fine bright blue lavender with wine-colored blotch. A strong, rank grower. Very good.

Each, 50c; Dozen, \$5; 100, \$35

Loveliness. Very large and strong of growth. Tall, handsome spike of light cream-colored flowers. A choice variety.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Mantorville (Kunderd). A beautiful yellow, splashed with pink. Very ruffled. A splendid variety.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4

Mary Fennell (Kunderd). A most beautiful lavender pink with primrose markings on lower petals. Flowers well opened. An extra choice variety.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Mary Pickford (Kunderd). An extraordinary flower and spike of delicate creamy white, with throat of finest sulphur yellow.

Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

Master Wietse. Rosy magenta overlaid with deep purple, streaked with black. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$3

Miss Helen Franklin (Kunderd). A large ruffled white with penciling of violet purple on lower petals. Flowers of good substance on tall, straight spike. Good seller.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$7

Miss Lucile (Kunderd). Soft, light shell pink, of lavender shade. Lovely color. Fine for florists. Medium in height, with good spike. Six to eight open blooms. A good forcing variety. Early. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1.00

Mona Lisa (Kunderd). Strong growing variety. Flowers of palest soft rose pink or bluish white. Almost pure self color. Many open blooms. Magnificent. Each, 75c

Moonbeam (Kunderd). Very tall and strong. Flowers all white. Many open. Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Mrs. Dr. Norton (Kunderd). Soft pink with lighter throat of yellowish tint. Flowers well open. Has been much admired wherever shown. Each, 50c; Dozen, \$5

Mrs. Frank Pendleton (Kunderd). Large open flowers of light pink with dark red blotch at throat. Flowers well set on exceedingly tall spike. A very attractive and strong growing kind. First class certificate at Massachusetts Horticultural Society American Gladiolus Society. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$4

Mrs. George Moulton (Kunderd). A large, tall-growing variety with most beautiful wine-colored flowers set on tall straight spike. One of the best. Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Mrs. James Lancashire (Stewart). Large, fine cream-colored bloom with shadings of salmon and carmine stripes on lower petals. Some blossoms have no blotch, a rare habit in gladioli. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Mrs. Watt. Deep rose color. Self color of American Beauty shade. Nearly all flowers on stem open at one time. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Mrs. W. E. Fryer (Kunderd). An exceptionally good orange scarlet. Large flowers on good strong stem. One of the best in its class. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Myrtle (Kunderd). Delicate rose pink shading to lighter in center. Awarded silver medal Massachusetts Horticultural Society Boston. Each, 50c; Dozen, \$1.50

Negerfurst. Brilliant velvety blood red, flaked with black spots. inflamed with white and lilac rose. An odd but beautiful color. Each, 15c

Niagara (Banning). Large open bloom of beautiful cream color with carmine splashing in throat. Strong, erect spike.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Panama (Banning). A seedling of America. Fine pink flowers well arranged on good spike.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Parexcel (Kunderd). Of purest deep salmon pink with finest dark throat marking. Grand.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Peace (Groff). Fine large white with wine pencilings on lower petals. Very good. Strong and healthy.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Pink Beauty. The earliest of gladioli. A good pink with dark blotch. Good spike and stem.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

1910 Pink (Kunderd). A bright early pink. Very desirable.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Pink Perfection. A most lovely apple-blossom pink. Six to eight blooms. Extra fine.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Pride of Goshen (Kunderd). A giant "Kunderdii Glory" of salmon or flesh pink. Flowers exceedingly large with petals elegantly waved. Vigorous of growth.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Prince of Wales. Delicate salmon pink. Very large flowers. Early.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Princepine. Large open flowers, orange red, with white blotch. Award of merit at London and Haarlem.

Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Purple Glory (Kunderd). A most extraordinary gladiolus. Color of the deepest velvety maroon red with almost black blotches, beautifully ruffled. The largest of the "Kunderdii Glory" type.

Each, \$2

Red Canna (Kunderd). Brightest of crimson pink. Large flowers set on good sturdy spike.

Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Red Emperor. Very large flower of bright scarlet color. A choice red.

Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

Rochester White (sometimes called White Lady). An all-white and very good. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

1910 Rose (Kunderd). Early. Large, pure rose color with white central lines on lower petals. One of the best for general use in our collection. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Rose Bud (Kunderd). Large bell-shaped flowers, six to eight open blooms. Beautiful light rose pink. One of the best sellers.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Rose Glory (Kunderd). A large and beautiful ruffled variety. Purest rose pink, deeper in throat. Extra fine.
Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

Sarah Pagels. Should be in every flower lover's collection. A fine pink lavender with fine pencilings on lower petals.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$5

Scarsdale. Long spike, well-opened flowers. Color a mauve lavender with rose tints.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Schwaben. Yellow, with carmine markings, on lower petals. Very attractive. Buds a sulphur yellow. Strong.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Sentinel (Kunderd). Tall, strong spike. Large, pure rose pink flowers with graceful iris-like throat, with white pencilings.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Violet Beauty (Kunderd). Tall. Large cerise violet with fine red throat blotches. Beautiful.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Violet No. 1. Very fine violet with darker shade in throat. Bright open flower.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$4

War (Groff). Strong and of rank growth. Large dark red flower, set on tall straight spike.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

White Glory (Kunderd). A fine ruffled white of same type and size as "Kunderdii Glory." Beautiful iris blue throat.
Each, 25c

White King (Kunderd). Creamy white ruffled petals with heavy wine-colored markings. Fine.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

X. Y. Z. (Kunderd). Dark pink with stripes of dark red and brilliant red blotch edged with golden yellow. Spike full of bloom.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Yellow Bird. A pleasing shade of yellow. Tall spike. A good
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Youell's Favorite (Kunderd). Large flower and spike. Striking rosy lavender pink. Very ruffled. Exquisite.
Each, 20c; Dozen, \$2

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

It is within this type of gladioli we find the most varied and beautiful tints—the reds, yellows, oranges, saffrons, pinks and some most wonderful color combinations not found in the large flowering varieties.

Alice Tiplady (Kunderd). Large orange saffron-colored flower.
Extra choice. Each, 35c; Dozen, \$3

Altair (Kunderd). Solid saffron. A good grower and a fine flower. Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Argo (Kunderd). Very fine tall grower. Has been called the *Primulinus Myrtle*.
Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$7.50

Anita (Kunderd). An extra tall, canary yellow with deeper throat. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1; 100, \$3

Butterfly (Kunderd). Very strong and vigorous. Large, pale salmon yellow, ruffled flowers.
Each, 20c; Dozen, \$2

Capella (Kunderd). Tall, very bright orange red. Large and choice. Each, 15s; Dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$7.50

Firefly (Kunderd). Extra bright, richest deep scarlet. Pure, rich self color. Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

Golden Gate (Kunderd). An extra fine ruffled Prim. Color a fine yellow with wine penciling on lower petals. An extra good one. Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2

Maiden Blush. Delicate pink with darker pink blotches; a very dainty flower. One of the most attractive varieties of the *primulinus*. Each, 35c; Dozen, \$3.50

Ruffled Prim (Kunderd). Salmon with yellow throat. Very fine ruffled. Each, 15c; Dozen, \$1.50

Salmon Beauty (Kunderd). Large, deep salmon flower with rich salmon yellow throat.
Each, 25c; Dozen, \$2.50

Rigel (Kunderd). Tall, softest salmon blush on delicate yellow. Each, 10c; Dozen, 75c; 100, \$2.50

Sunbeam (Vaughn). Tall, rich yellow; not so large, but a very beautiful color. Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

Primulinus Species. This is not, strictly speaking, a variety but a species which is a native of South Africa, and is the best pure all-yellow of the species.
Each, 10c; Dozen, \$1

CULTURE AND STORAGE

Gladioli, like all cultivated crops, need some thought in regard to culture. While they will grow and bloom under most conditions, it is necessary to observe certain things to bring out the best there is in any variety. The soil should be well prepared, and reasonably rich. A good grade of potato fertilizer or bone meal may be used if needed; but if the ground is reasonably rich nothing need be added for satisfactory bloom. Spade deep and pulverize thoroughly. Gladioli to do their best must have plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

Plantings may be made any time from early garden-making time until the middle of June for the latitude of Sturgis. There should be nearly a week's difference for every one hundred miles south. Plant in rows five to six inches deep, placing bulbs right up four to six inches apart. Rows should be not less than eighteen inches apart.

Cultivate often and thoroughly. Do not allow the ground to bake around the plants.

After the foliage has begun to die down or been cut by the frost the bulbs should be lifted and the tops cut off near the bulb with a pair of grass shears. They should be placed in shallow crates or boxes and set in the sun for a few days to dry, after which they may be placed in any building where they can get plenty of air until time to place in cellar or storage for winter.

FOR CUT FLOWERS.

Cut spike when first bud opens, leaving at least four or five leaves on stalk to mature the bulb. Place in water and change the water each day at the same time cutting a little off the end of stem. Placing flowers in the cellar at night will add to the life of the bloom.

